Apparition of the Virgin Mary in LAS LAJAS

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On an impromptu day of the year 1754, the Indian Maria left the small town of La Peña María de Ijuaca where she was working, with the intention of making a visit to her relatives in the small borough of Pinat that was not far to the south. While she was descending from the western slope of the mountain, her horse died of a sudden disease. In an attempt to find rescue from the area, she met a local native girl who was located nearby, hoping that she could assist her. With the help of the young girl, Maria managed to find shelter and rest for the night. The following morning, the young girl told Maria that she had seen a vision of the Virgin Mary in the sky. Intrigued, Maria decided to visit the site where the vision occurred.

The site, known as Las Lajas, was a remote area that was considered dangerous and uncultivated. However, Maria's determination was unwavering, and she set out on a journey to visit the site. Upon arriving, she was greeted by a group of native people who were eager to assist her in her mission. They shared with her stories of the apparition and encouraged her to build a chapel in honor of the Virgin Mary.

Maria, with the help of the local people, began the construction of the chapel. She worked tirelessly, sacrificing her own resources to provide the necessary materials. The chapel, known as the "Capilla de la Inmaculada," was completed in 1754, and it remained a place of pilgrimage for the local community.

Over time, the chapel became a symbol of devotion and faith for the people of Las Lajas. It was not long before the chapel attracted visitors from all over the region, and it soon became a center of religious activity. Today, the chapel stands as a testament to the faith and determination of Maria, and it continues to be a place of pilgrimage for those who seek to connect with the Virgin Mary and her message of peace and love.